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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS PFOR JO SA US  
SUBJECT: HAWK FUNDING

1. COURT CHIEF SHARAF TOLD ME APRIL 17 ABOUT PRIME MINISTER BADRAN'S CONVERSATION WITH SAUDIS ON APRIL 14 CONCERNING HAWK PAYMENT QUESTION. CROWN PRINCE FAHD SEEMED IGNORANT OF THE DETAILS OF THE PROBLEM. BADRAN RELATED TO HIM JORDANIAN IMPRESSION OF THE PROBLEM -- A CHECK FOR \$140 MILLION WAS RECEIVED FROM SAUDI ARABIA WITH NO INDICATION OF ITS PURPOSE FOLLOWING GOJ REQUEST FOR BUDGET SUPPORT AND CHECK WAS SPENT FOR PURPOSES JORDANIAN 1976 BUDGET.
2. FAHD CALLED FOR SAUDI MINISTER OF FINANCE. WHEN AT THE END OF THE CONVERSATION HE COULD NOT BE FOUND, FAHD TOLD BADRAN THAT SAUDIS WOULD ACCEPT THE JORDANIAN VIEW AND WOULD NEXT HAVE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH THE U.S. ABOUT THE PROBLEM.
3. SHARAF TOLD ME HE ASSUMED THERE WAS NOTHING FURTHER FOR JORDAN TO DO. HE SUGGESTED THE U.S. MIGHT AGAIN ASK

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SAUDIS FOR THE PAYMENT NOW OVERDUE FOR SIX MONTHS. HE GAVE ME THE IMPRESSION THAT GOJ WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO US INFORMING SAUDIS OF WHAT THEY HAVE TOLD US ABOUT WHAT TOOK PLACE IN THE VARIOUS MEETINGS BETWEEN JORDAN AND SAUDI ARABIA.

4. COMMENT: THIS ACCORDS ESSENTIALLY WITH WHAT KING

HAS TOLD ME. IT'S A BIT THIN ON DETAILS, INCLUDING SPECIFICS ON SAUDI REACTION. HOWEVER, JORDANIANS ARE CONFIDENT THAT SAUDIS ARE NOT PUSHING JORDAN TO MAKE HAWK PAYMENT THEMSELVES, NOR HAVE THEY RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF SAUDI RETALIATION IN THE FORM OF CURTAILMENT OF FURTHER FUNDING. SHARAF DID ADD THAT JORDANIANS HAD PRESSED FOR RABAT PAYMENTS FOR FUTURE YEARS AND EXPECTED EVENTUALLY TO RECEIVE THEM.

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